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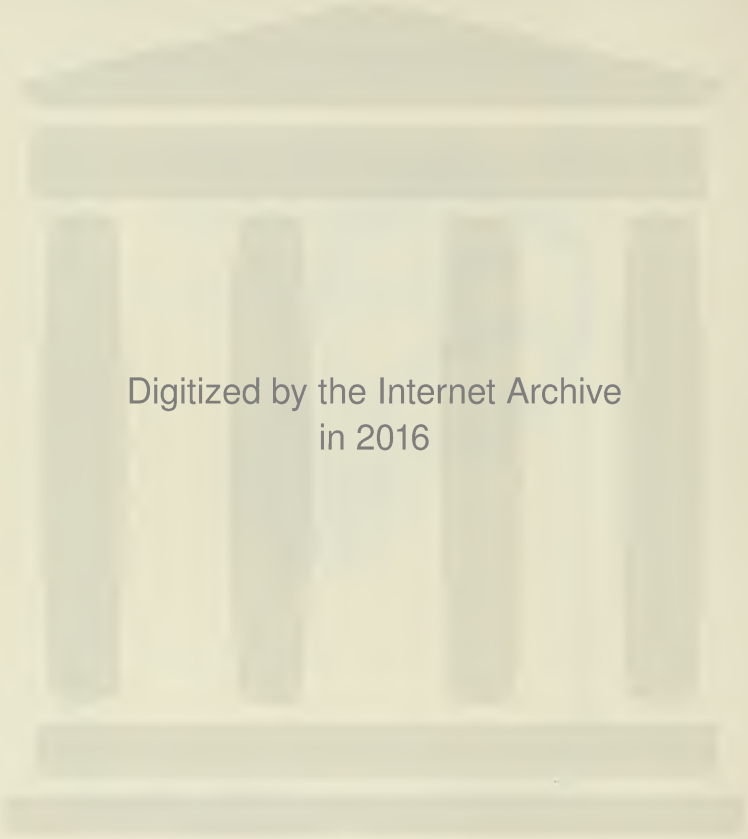
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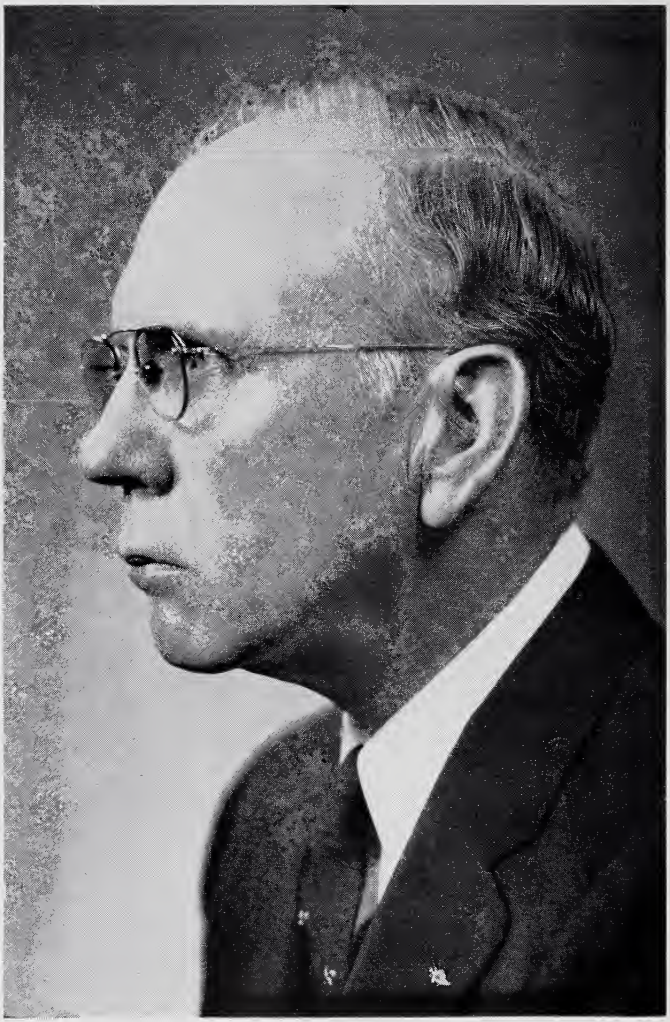

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Biography

WILLIAM FRANK NORRELL was born in Milo, Ashley County, Ark., August 29, 1896; attended the public schools, the Arkansas Agricultural and Mechanical College of Monticello, the College of the Ozarks, Clarkesville, Ark., and the University of Arkansas Law School at Little Rock; during the First World War served in the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army; was admitted to the bar in 1920 and commenced practice in Monticello, Ark.; member of the State senate 1930–1938, serving as president for four years; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-sixth and to the eleven succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1939, until his death in Washington, D.C., February 15, 1961; interment in Oakland Cemetery, Monticello Ark.

Memorial Services
for
William Frank Norrell

Proceedings in the House

THURSDAY, *February 16, 1961.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Deuteronomy 7: 21: *Thou shalt not be afraid, for the Lord thy God is among you.*

Almighty God, in whom we find life's significance and satisfaction, may we daily share in the great enterprise of bringing mankind into a closer and happier fellowship.

We penitently confess that so frequently we place too much stress upon the distinctions and differences which separate and divide us.

Show us how we may help to ease world tensions and be united in our thoughts and efforts to make real unto ourselves and our generation the high ideals of peace and brotherhood.

Grant that we may hasten the dawning of that better day when in all human relations, at the national and international levels, life shall be fraternally cooperative rather than fiercely competitive.

We thank Thee for the life and character of Thy servant, our beloved colleague, who now dwells with Thee in heavenly blessedness having received the reward of his faith, even the salvation of his soul. May the members of his bereaved family be given the consolations of Thy grace.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows (H. Res. 168).

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable W. F. NORRELL, a Representative from the State of Arkansas.

Resolved, That a committee of nine Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House:

Mr. Gathings, Mr. Mills, Mr. Harris, Mr. Trimble, Mr. Alford, Mr. Kirwan, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Evins, and Mr. Jones of Missouri.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect, the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, February 17, 1961, at 12 o'clock noon.

WILLIAM FRANK NORRELL

FRIDAY, *February 17, 1961.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a resolution, as follows (S. Res. 89).

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Honorable W. F. NORRELL, late a Representative from the State of Arkansas.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Remarks by Representative Mills

Of Arkansas

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound feeling of deep sadness and great loss that I announce the passing from this life and this great body of our esteemed and beloved colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM F. NORRELL, whose death occurred last evening.

The sudden and untimely passing of my close friend and colleague of many years, WILLIAM F. NORRELL, has ended a long and distinguished career in the service of his district, his State, and his Nation.

We came to Congress in 1939. We developed a warm personal friendship which has continued over the years as we have been associated together in this body and in endeavors of mutual interest for our State, districts, and Nation. He will be sorely missed by his many friends here and elsewhere.

Our departed colleague was a statesman at all times and a distinguished public servant. He had a keen and analytical mind, and was a highly able and talented lawyer. His great moral and physical courage was known to all. His distinguished service in the public interest included many years in the Arkansas Legislature as well as his years of service in this House. Before that he served his country in World War I.

It is with a sense of humility that I refer to those great Christian virtues and personal characteristics, which BILL NORRELL possessed. BILL NORRELL was a Christian gentleman whose word was his bond. I have never known BILL NORRELL to fail to do what he said he would do. He was a devoted family man. He was a man of great dignity, courtesy, and sincerity. He not only stood for those fine, deep, and noble things admired by all men of character and integrity but they were an innate part of his being. He was beloved, re-

spected, and admired by his colleagues, and indeed by all who had the privilege of coming into contact with him. He was dedicated to helping everyone in his day-to-day activities here and throughout life.

I extend to his wife and daughter my sincerest and deepest sympathy in the hour of their grief, and I join with his host of friends throughout his district, the State of Arkansas, and the Nation in paying tribute to his life.

The fact of knowing him, working with him, being in his counsel and confidence will forever preserve his memory and cause us to desire, to an ever greater extent, to attain his high degree of great moral and physical courage.

Mr. Speaker, services will be held at 2 p.m. on tomorrow, Friday, February 17, at Gawler's Funeral Home, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Then, on Monday, services and interment at his home, Monticello, Ark., at 3 p.m.

Remarks by Representative Gathings

Of Arkansas

Mr. GATHINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is hard and difficult to say farewell to a friend of many years. Especially is it true in the passing of W. F. NORRELL. I first knew him in 1935 when we served together in the Arkansas State Senate. He was an experienced legislator then, having represented his district in that body since 1931. He was ever ready to offer helpful suggestions to new members. His colleagues bestowed upon him a great honor and distinction by selecting him as president pro tempore of the senate, a position he filled with dignity and fairness. He served as acting Governor many times during the absence of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor from the State.

During the 1937 session he served as chairman of the committee on Federal relations and steered through the senate all of the legislation requiring State laws to make the provisions of Federal statutes applicable to the State. He must have had in mind serving his people in the Congress by and through his efforts in dealing with Federal problems. In 1938 he sought election to the Congress since our colleague, John L. McClellan, who was serving that district in the House sought election to the U.S. Senate. He was successful in his race for Representative from the Sixth Congressional District and has served here since that time. In the many years he has been in the service of his people he never lost an election. While his constituents honored him with their approval of his work in their interest, he zealously and earnestly fulfilled the responsibilities which were his. He was a dedicated and devoted public servant.

He was a real patriot, a great statesman, a loyal friend, honest, great of mind, warm of heart, always modest and humble. He won an undying and imperishable place in the

hearts of his colleagues. He possessed sympathy, understanding, and forgiveness. Never once in all the years of our close association have I heard him use vulgarity or profanity. Never did I hear him speak harshly of anyone. He possessed those traits of kindness and consideration which made it a genuine pleasure to be in his presence. He fulfilled as he went about his work the mandate of our Lord's commandment that we love one another.

W. F. NORRELL was a Christian gentleman without hypocrisy. He was a lifelong member of the Baptist church. He served for many years as a deacon of the First Baptist Church in his home city of Monticello, Ark.

I would like to quote a portion of a poem by Josiah Gilbert Holland that is fitting and proper:

> God give us men.
> A time like this demands
> Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands,
> Men whom the lust of office does not kill,
> Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,
> Men who possess opinions and a will,
> Men who have honor.
> Men who will not lie.

W. F. NORRELL was such a man. I shall miss his ever-ready smile and his warm friendship. We are better men for having known him. I join with his many friends in extending to his beloved widow, Catherine, and lovely daughter, Judy, our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Harris

Of Arkansas

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the passing of our beloved colleague, BILL NORRELL. In times like this it is difficult for us to express adequately our minds and hearts over the loss of our friend and colleague.

In these days, when we are trying through research to reveal the mysteries of the universe, with all of the efforts and brilliance of mankind, we know it is impossible for us to reveal the deep mysteries of life itself. Just why the Grim Reaper takes his reward, the time and in what manner, is something the human mind cannot understand and never will.

But, we do have hope and faith through our belief in God and in immortality that beyond this life there is a better life; that when we leave this old world, full of suffering and tragedy and sin, there is a reward that comes to one who has lived a fine and Christian life on earth; a better life in eternity for those such as our beloved colleague, BILL NORRELL.

We knew him as an individual and we knew him as a colleague. I have known him for many, many years personally, before he came to the Congress. He was born and reared in my district. His old home place in Ashley County, Ark. His relatives live there now. It has been my privilege to be acquainted with them during the more than 20 years that I have had the opportunity to serve in this Congress. He comes from a good family. They are good people, real Americans. So our late colleague had that family background and he could not be anything else except the kind of man he was.

From our intimate association with him here in the Congress we know what kind of man he was. BILL NORRELL was

a good man. He was the kind of man we all like to emulate. He was known for his character, personality, perseverance, patience, and tolerance.

BILL NORRELL was a good citizen. I do not think there is anyone I have ever known who had a greater desire to live as a good American and to contribute to the welfare of his county, his State, and his community, as a citizen.

BILL NORRELL was a good public servant. His friends who knew him best and his constituents who had known him a lifetime had confidence in him. The fact that he was elected and reelected time after time over the years is strong proof that the people who knew him best throughout his lifetime were the people who had the greatest confidence in him.

I know that the Members of this House, his colleagues who served with him, realize that he never disappointed his constituents because he was always devoted to the service of his constituents. He was attentive, he was honest, and sincere with it. Yes, he possessed the character and the reputation that we all approve and love.

BILL NORRELL did not have an enemy. Everybody loved him. He was that kind of man. That is the way we knew him, and that is the way we shall cherish his memory. His devotion to his family, and his Christian life is something that will live with all of us.

Mrs. Harris and I join my colleagues in extending to his lovely wife and daughter, Judy, our deepest sympathy in these trying moments, and it is our prayer that the love of God will sustain them in their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Trimble

Of Arkansas

Mr. TRIMBLE. Mr. Speaker, even in sadness it is easy to talk about BILL NORRELL. In the affairs of men, he was a sturdy oak in whose shadow those who knew him drew comfort and strength. He lived a fine and useful life and the world is the better for his having lived in it. His integrity was golden. We were all shocked to hear of his death. I join my colleagues in extending sincere sympathy to the members of his family in this their hour of great sorrow. All of us will miss BILL NORRELL so very, very much. He was a great American, a true friend, a devoted husband and parent.

Remarks by Representative Cannon

Of Missouri

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, the kindly, gracious, generous, companionable, lovable BILL NORRELL has left us. He has passed on to vastly larger chambers and to immeasurably broader horizons.

But he has left rich legacies here. No one has left more friends. And no one has left behind more treasured memories of fellowship and shared tasks and mutual achievements.

He served as one of the earliest members of the Committee on Appropriations as now constituted. He ranked high on the roll, and in the inner councils of the committee and the House.

He served as subcommittee chairman, as a member of some of the most important subcommittees, and in positions which required concentration and hard work, calm statesmanship, sober judgment and seasoned experience. He did his part well here and in this life.

He died, as I am certain he would have preferred to die, at his post of duty, here in the House, at his office, in touch with friends at home, in full harness. And driving hard ahead.

He has left behind him with each of us—with all who knew him—something that cannot die. Something that will never fade. So let us—

> Think of him faring on, as dear,
> In the love of there as the love of here,
> Think of him still as the same, I say,
> He is not dead—he is just away.

Remarks by Representative Taber

Of New York

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, I have known BILL NORRELL very well ever since he came on the Committee on Appropriations almost 20 years ago. He was a man of sterling character and deep convictions. He gave of himself his very best in discharging the responsibility that came to him on the committee and in the House. Few men have made a better record than he of standing up for the things he thought were the right things to do. He was attentive to his duties always, always available for the work of the committee of which he was a member, and he felt a real responsibility for carrying out those duties.

I extend to his widow and to his daughter my sincerest and deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative McCormack

Of Massachusetts

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, the death of one of our Members always leaves a strong feeling of sorrow and regret in the minds of all of us, but this is particularly so in the case of the passing of our dear friend, BILL NORRELL. BILL NORRELL possessed unusual qualities that attracted the attention and respect not only of his colleagues, but of all who knew him. He impressed everybody with his love of God and love of neighbor, and he did that not only by his words but by his actions. His love of country was evidenced on so many occasions during his lifetime. The goodness of BILL NORRELL, which my colleagues have referred to, was also prominently evidenced by his many acts of kindness and his many acts of consideration and charity. BILL NORRELL was also a dedicated legislator. I think the best evidence of that is that you and I, and all of our colleagues knew that for the past several years he was laboring under great physical difficulty. Yet, we saw him in committee working long hours during the day. We saw him constantly on the floor of the House during the deliberations of the legislative business of this body. We knew he was performing his duties under such difficult physical conditions when he should have been taking rest and care of himself and following the advice of his doctors. BILL NORRELL during his several years of physical disability evidenced the highest type of legislator humanly possible, when with determination he carried on the duties of his office and position. His conduct in this body always reflected credit upon the people of his district. It means an awful lot to the people of a district to know that the person they have elected to represent them in this body is conducting himself as a good legislator and participating in the work of this body in a manner that reflects credit

upon the people of his district. BILL NORRELL is gone, but his spirit will always remain with those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. I join with my colleagues in extending to Mrs. Norrell and her daughter my deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Halleck

Of Indiana

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in this deserved tribute to our beloved colleague, W. F. NORRELL.

Having visited in the Sixth District of Arkansas on many occasions, I know something of the esteem in which he was held by the people he served for so many years.

The broad knowledge of public affairs and the understanding of the legislative process he had gained as a member of the Arkansas State Legislature were evident in his early days here in the Congress.

His abilities were put to good use during his distinguished service with the great Committee on Appropriations to which he made many substantial contributions.

All of us will remember our colleague as a man of dignified bearing, always honorable and forthright in manner, and above all, a Christian gentleman in the fullest meaning of the term.

His record here in the Congress demonstrated a devotion to country and principle that transcended any purely partisan considerations.

It was a mark of his courage that he continued his labors here in the House without sparing himself in spite of an illness of some years ago that might well have marked the end of a career for one less determined to remain active and useful to his fellow men.

It is a matter of deep regret to me that he did not survive a recurrence of the illness which struck him down before. To his widow and daughter I offer my heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Jensen

Of Iowa

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to learn of the passing of my very good friend, the Honorable WILLIAM NORRELL, of Arkansas, who came to Congress the same time I did.

I have served on the same Subcommittee on Appropriations with BILL NORRELL for the past 18 sessions of Congress. I learned to know his heartbeats. I learned to hold him in the highest esteem, as a man who believed in all that was good. He radiated in his daily life that fine noble attitude toward everyone with whom he came in contact. BILL NORRELL was indeed one of God's noblemen; honest in his dealings; with great courage and deep convictions. He voted as he felt on every occasion, the way he was sure was the best for the people of his district, his State, and his Nation, not only for the day but for generations yet unborn.

I will really miss BILL NORRELL. Every Member of this House will miss BILL NORRELL. Especially will we miss him on the Appropriations Committee, where he served so ably and so well and honorably.

May the same God who called this great and good man to his heavenly home give strength to his dear wife and daughter to bear the great loss they have sustained. God rest his soul.

Remarks by Representative Gary

Of Virginia

Mr. GARY. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve on the Appropriations Committee with BILL NORRELL. No one ever served with him who did not love him and who was not impressed with his dedication to duty. He rendered outstanding service to his district, his State, and the Nation. He will be greatly missed in the Appropriations Committee room and in the Halls of the Congress.

I join my colleagues in paying tribute to this great Congressman, and extend to his family my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Passman

Of Louisiana

Mr. PASSMAN. Mr. Speaker, my life has been a fuller one by having had the counsel and friendship of BILL NORRELL. Certainly this world is a better place in which to live for BILL NORRELL'S having lived in it. He was a great man, a good father, and a good husband. He possessed unimpeachable integrity. He was a man of great devotion to his country and to his constituency, and a man of deep conviction who could not be swayed from his high ideals.

I join with my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, in paying tribute to this great legislator and in extending sympathy to Mrs. Norrell and his daughter.

Remarks by Representative Alexander

Of North Carolina

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of my good friend and colleague, BILL NORRELL. It was my privilege to serve with him on the Appropriations Committee and I learned to know him very intimately. To know BILL NORRELL was to love him.

He was a kind, considerate, Christian gentleman. I have the greatest admiration for his courage. He was always willing to stand up and be counted.

BILL NORRELL was a man of high integrity, deep devotion to his family, and grave concern for his constituents. He was never too busy to help a friend in need.

He was a student of government and always thought in terms of what was best for all the people. He worked hard, was always on the job, and never considered his own personal welfare.

It has been a great honor to serve in the Congress with this great American. His counsel has been wise and his profound interest in the welfare of all the people has been an inspiration. To have served with him is to know greatness.

His passing means a great loss to the Congress, the State, and the Nation. I express to his wife and daughter my deep sorrow in their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Kirwan

Of Ohio

Mr. KIRWAN. Mr. Speaker, it was my great privilege to have him serve intimately with me on committee work for nearly 18 years. I sat next to him for 18 years. I never knew a better loved man than WILLIAM NORRELL, nor one who was more bound by principle. I never knew him to change his mind after he once told you he would be with you or for you.

He will always be remembered for the great interest he took in the conservation of our great natural resources—our public lands, our forests, our parks, and our fish and wildlife—during his many years of able service on the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Department of the Interior.

There is not a Member of this body who will not regret his passing. I hope and pray that not only will God be very kind to the wife and daughter of our dear friend but that he will also have mercy on one of the finest men who was ever a Member of this Congress.

Remarks by Representative Fenton

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. FENTON. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our colleague, WILLIAM F. NORRELL, of Arkansas, comes as a distinct shock to those of us who have served with him since the 76th Congress, over 22 years.

While we knew that he had been in poor health for a long time, yet death, when it comes to a friend of long standing, is a shock. BILL NORRELL was a wonderful man, a conscientious and fine legislator. It was my privilege to serve with him on the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Interior Department for many years. We shall miss him. I and my family extend our sympathy to his beloved wife and daughter.

Remarks by Representative Colmer

Of Mississippi

Mr. COLMER. Mr. Speaker, I should like to join with those colleagues who today have expressed their shock and grief at the passing of our friend, BILL NORRELL.

Truly, Mr. Speaker, a giant in the forest of men has fallen. BILL NORRELL has joined his ancestors who have preceded him to the grave.

As I listened to the tributes that have been paid to his memory today I have been impressed, as we all must have been, with the fact that throughout all of the tributes runs the line of his devotion to duty, of courage, of his convictions.

Mr. Speaker, it is said that nature is a great equalizer of persons. She does not give any one of us all of the virtues.

She gives one one talent, one virtue, another another; in the instant case of BILL NORRELL nature in addition to his other virtues has emphasized that all-too-rare quality of men in public life—political courage. One never had to question where this Congressman stood. He never wavered or vacillated. He chose the side dictated by his conscience and no amount of political pressure could shake him.

I should like to join with others in expressing my sincere sympathy to the members of his family and his many friends in the passing of this giant of the forest.

Remarks by Representative Brooks

Of Louisiana

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to place a flower upon the bier of our departed colleague, BILL NORRELL.

Mr. Speaker, one of the first Members in the Congress it was my privilege to meet after coming here years ago was BILL NORRELL from Arkansas. I feel a natural kinship to this great public servant who has just left us. He had in the great Southwest a district neighboring to my district in northwest Louisiana, and he had many similar problems. I early found that he approached those problems in such a sensible, careful, and profound way that his judgment of the needs of his community at times seemed to be almost infallible.

He was a man who could walk with kings, yet not lose the common touch. At no time have I known of his action in approaching a problem presented to him here in this Congress of a public nature save from the interest of his own people and country.

Chance, Mr. Speaker, brought BILL NORRELL and me closer together, perhaps, than the average Member of Congress who is busied with so many problems affecting the Nation, and his district. He obtained an office in the House Office Building adjoining mine. Daily it was my pleasure and privilege to be able to visit with this beloved man, especially during the latter stages of his life, and to counsel with him and talk with him. At all times, regardless of the physical disabilities that came to him in recent years, he was a man dependable and courageous, yet not ostentatious, always prepared to look forthrightly at those problems which came to him and to his people and to attempt in a vigorous way to alleviate some of the sufferings which naturally fall to our people throughout the country.

So today I join with my colleagues in expressing my deep and profound sorrow at the loss of a sincere man, a great public servant, a man who is going to be missed in his community and in this Congress.

My very deep and abiding sympathy goes out to his widow and his daughter who remain with us.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of New York

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked this morning to learn of the passing last night of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM F. NORRELL, who has represented the Sixth District of the State of Arkansas for many years.

Sixteen years ago last month I was privileged to become a member of the House Committee on Appropriations and immediately assigned by Chairman Cannon to the Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Department of the Interior. On that subcommittee and day in and day out thereafter the previous speaker, the distinguished gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Kirwan] sat on one side of BILL NORRELL and I sat on the other. He was a fine looking, distinguished gentleman. He was a very capable lawyer, well grounded not only in the law but in the work with which he was confronted as a member of the Committee on Appropriations. He was indeed a hard-working member of that committee. Since then, and over the years, I came to respect BILL for his forthrightness, his ability, his integrity, and the faithful pursuit of his duties as a member not only of the committee but of the House of Representatives. Yes, BILL unfortunately suffered illness some few years back, but he always stayed on the job and took care of his responsibilities as the Representative of his district in this House of Representatives. During this period, and as she always had been, his dear wife was his great helpmate. I extend to her and to their daughter, Judy, the profound sympathies of the Rooney family in the loss of a fine husband, a fine father, a great and distinguished Member of the House of Representatives, a great American, BILL NORRELL.

Remarks by Representative Natcher

Of Kentucky

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, I join with the many friends of W. F. NORRELL in expressing my sorrow at his untimely passing.

It has been a pleasure serving with him on the Committee on Appropriations. Representative NORRELL represented the finest as a gentleman and as a true statesman. He was kind, considerate, industrious, sincere, and courageous. The State of Arkansas has suffered a great loss in the death of this outstanding Representative.

I join in expressing my sincere sympathy to the members of his family and his many friends.

Remarks by Representative Jones

Of Missouri

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, it is on such sad occasions as this that we have an opportunity to appraise the qualities that have endeared Members of this body to us, their colleagues. It has been my privilege, of course, as it has been to many of you, to have known this fine family over the years that I have served in this body. It so happens that the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norrell was a schoolmate of a daughter of mine, and we got to know each other rather intimately. In looking back over my acquaintance with Mr. NORRELL, I think he had those sterling qualities that all of us admire. He was a man who was not only capable as a legislator but a man of deep convictions and one who felt his responsibility. As has been mentioned here today, he had been suffering for some time under a physical disability that would have discouraged many people and which might have caused them to avail themselves of the opportunity to retire from such responsibility.

But I think that the circumstances under which I learned this morning of BILL NORRELL'S death is symbolic of the esteem in which he was held not only by the Members of the House but all others who knew him. I came to the Capitol rather early this morning. I had left home before I had the opportunity to read the newspapers or hear any of the radio reports of his death. As I entered the House restaurant, on my way to another breakfast, one of the employees said to me, "Isn't it too bad about Mr. NORRELL?" She said, "That man, to me, was a man of great courage. He has been a brave man over all these years as he has gone about his duties serving his country."

I know it was in that spirit of dedication to the people who were his friends and who had been his constituents over the years that he and Mrs. Norrell remained here in Washington to serve.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot add anything to what has been said by my colleagues here this morning. I do want to say most sincerely that my wife and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Norrell and to their daughter Judy. We have to accept those things that happen, but we can always cherish the memory of an acquaintanceship with such a fine man as was BILL NORRELL.

Remarks by Representative Bray

Of Indiana

Mr. BRAY. Mr. Speaker, all too often in the Congress we do not become well acquainted with our colleagues, especially when they are not on the same side of the aisle or members of the same committee. That might have applied to my relationship with BILL NORRELL, but something like 5 or 6 years ago I had occasion to be on a night's cruise on the submarine *Nautilus* and he was there also. We stayed up most of the night and I had the opportunity to become acquainted with him far more closely than one would in a casual relationship of a lifetime.

I found that he was a man of very deep convictions. I always had known that he was a man of great physical and moral courage. I found that he was a great humanitarian, a brilliant man. From that time on I prized BILL NORRELL as a very dear friend.

Mr. Speaker, we all deeply regret BILL NORRELL's death. He will be missed here for a long, long time. I want to express my deep sympathy to his lovely family.

Remarks by Representative Dague

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, the Nation and this House has suffered another irreparable loss in the passing of WILLIAM F. NORRELL, who earned and enjoyed the respect and high regard of all who knew him and especially his colleagues in this body.

It was my privilege to break bread with him almost every day and in the intimacy of that association I came to enjoy his confidence and unhesitatingly took him into mine. Mr. NORRELL was a man of simple dignity and also one who accepted this assignment as one of great trust and responsibility. A conservative in his outlook, he and I found much in common in our belief that a government that lives beyond its means or ignores the perils of inflation is sowing the seeds of its own destruction.

Our late colleague and I were of different political faiths but our outlook was the same and we were united in a common pride in the privilege of serving in this greatest of all legislative bodies. Our frequent conversations also revealed that BILL NORRELL was a great family man and he never tired of mentioning the brilliant accomplishments of his daughter in the field of education as well as the encouragement and inspiration he received from Mrs. Norrell's activities on the national scene.

Our hearts go out to the members of his family who are left to mourn his untimely departure from our midst and it is our prayerful hope that they will be strengthened and comforted by that invisible Presence in whose care their loved one now rests.

Remarks by Representative Thompson

Of Texas

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues of the Arkansas delegation in the feeling of great sadness over the loss of the Honorable BILL NORRELL. This old friend of mine was one with whom I enjoyed most complete and harmonious understanding.

I learned many years ago that from him I could always receive sound and thoughtful advice. Our points of view very rarely differed; and when they did, it was generally not so much because of our personal feelings as because of our desire to follow the wishes of our respective constituencies.

BILL was a very brave man. He had successfully fought off the effects of serious illness and he did it without a word of complaint and with a determination which will always be an inspiration to those of us who knew him.

My deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Norrell and her daughter, to the countless friends who have kept him in Congress for these many years, and to the members of the Arkansas delegation who were so close to BILL'S heart.

Remarks by Representative Marshall

Of Minnesota

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, we are saddened by the death of our good friend and colleague, BILL NORRELL, and join in offering our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and daughter.

It was a privilege to be associated with him in our work on the Committee on Appropriations. He will be remembered as an able and fairminded legislator who served well the interests of the people of his district.

He also served well the interests of his colleagues as chairman of the legislative appropriations subcommittee, a sometimes thankless task of housekeeping which is essential to the operations of the House. This service to his colleagues earned him our gratitude and respect.

While no words of mine are adequate at a time like this, his family can rightfully take comfort in his proud record of public service as a Christian gentleman and a distinguished American.

Remarks by Representative Patman

Of Texas

Mr. PATMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to learn of the passing of my good friend and great Congressman, W. F. NORRELL, of the Sixth District of Arkansas.

Judge NORRELL was highly regarded by his colleagues and by reason of the great respect that his colleagues had for him, he was successful as a Member of Congress.

He was very faithful to his own constituents—the people of Arkansas—and to the entire Nation. He always placed first in his consideration of any subject the people's interest.

Judge NORRELL had a long and distinguished career, including president of the senate in his home State for 8 successive years, during which time he had the privilege on many occasions of serving as Acting Governor of the great State of Arkansas.

The people of this Nation and his district in particular have lost a very fine, devoted, and dedicated public servant.

Mrs. Patman joins me in extending sympathy to his loved ones.

Remarks by Representative Bow

Of Ohio

Mr. BOW. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our good friend WILLIAM NORRELL takes from these Halls one of the finest men I have ever known.

It was my privilege to serve on the legislative subcommittee on appropriations of which Mr. NORRELL was chairman. He was fair, patient, and understanding. He always insisted on courteous treatment of witnesses appearing before the committee. To the members of the committee, regardless of party affiliation, he extended full rights and privileges.

His district has been well represented, his State honored by his service, and the Nation now loses a statesman of great stature and patriotism.

These are sad days when we lose these towers of strength from our ranks, but our loss does not compare with the loss suffered by Mrs. Norrell. To Mrs. Norrell, Mrs. Bow and I extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Brown

Of Ohio

Mr. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, in the sudden passing of WILLIAM F. NORRELL, the distinguished Representative from Arkansas, the House has lost one of its most able Members, the Nation one of its most patriotic citizens, and I, personally one of my most treasured friends.

BILL NORRELL was a courteous, dignified, and Christian southern gentleman. Both gentle of nature and courageous of character, he always did only that which his conscience and great intelligence told him to be in the best interest of the people he represented and the country he loved.

The world is a better place for WILLIAM F. NORRELL having lived. To his family he leaves the priceless heritage of a good name, and to us who knew and loved him, as a friend, many precious memories.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in this word of tribute to a great man and distinguished Member of the House. I am personally grateful for the many kindnesses he has done me during my service here. He made my life better for having known him. His death has left a great vacancy in this House. He was a good and noble man.

Mrs. Albert and I join in extending to Mrs. Norrell and their daughter our deepest sympathy in this hour of their sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Sikes

Of Florida

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, there was a vacant chair on this morning at the meeting of the Defense Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations. BILL NORRELL was not in his accustomed place. He has gone from us to claim his eternal reward for a life well spent. It was a sad occasion for all of us who were present. Most of us had served with him for many years. We know him so very well and appreciated and admired him for the sound, and kindly, and helpful man we knew him to be.

BILL NORRELL was a beloved Member of the Congress. He came here as a strong young leader from his native State of Arkansas with promise of strong leadership in the Congress. He quickly justified that early promise through his actions in this body.

In later years, he fought off and overcame illness which would have taken most men out of active service and continued to give yeoman service to the Nation.

Because of his fine service, because of all his sterling qualities, because we long ago learned to love BILL NORRELL, we grieve at the news of his death.

I join my colleagues in expressing deep sympathy for his wonderful helpmate, Mrs. Norrell, and to their daughter.

Remarks by Representative Rayburn

Of Texas

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of WILLIAM F. NORRELL we have all lost a good friend. He was a friendly man, a generous man, and a patriotic outstanding American. He had a high sense of duty and with a burning desire to be of service to his day and generation. To his family I extend my deepest and sincerest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative McIntire

Of Maine

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, the passing of Mr. W. F. NORRELL, our distinguished colleague from Arkansas, saddens me greatly.

I would like to say that in the 9 years I have served with him in the House of Representatives, I have found him to be a devoted public servant, one who was dedicated to his tasks and efficient in his performance. He extended kindness to all those with whom he was associated, and he was, undeniably, a Christian gentleman in every respect.

In the course of my congressional service, my wife had the opportunity of effecting a friendship with our late colleague's lovely wife Catherine. This friendship flourished against the background of a common interest in the activities of the Congressional Club, with Mrs. McIntire becoming extremely fond of Mrs. Norrell.

The memory of Mrs. McIntire's and my friendship with Congressman NORRELL will always be something treasured and together we join in extending to Mrs. Norrell and her family our expression of deep sympathy in this period of their great sadness.

Remarks by Representative Mahon

Of Texas

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, this is a sad moment for us all as we pause to pay tribute to one of the finest gentlemen who has ever served in the House of Representatives. BILL NORRELL was a member of the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations, and he and I had worked together closely in defense matters for 15 years. We sat at the same table and weighed together the same problems.

His consecration to his job was outstanding. He was devoted to the public interest. He was loyal to his constituency.

When the time came to stand up and be counted BILL NORRELL could always be depended upon. I feel a sense of personal loss at his passing. Words seem somewhat futile at a time like this, and I shall not extend these remarks further. I do want to express sympathy to the lovely wife and daughter of our departed friend.

Remarks by Representative James C. Davis

Of Georgia

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, we know that in keeping with the divine plan death must come to everyone. Yet each time the angel of death strikes it seems we find ourselves unprepared. It was with great sadness that I learned yesterday of the passing of our beloved colleague, and my warm personal friend, Congressman NORRELL.

It does not take long for a newcomer to Congress to evaluate those with whom he is privileged to serve here. As time passes, in some instances first impressions are changed. In others, first impressions are strengthened.

In the case of BILL NORRELL, my first impression of him was that he was a man of kindly heart, who loved his fellow man, a man of ability, of high principles, of devotion to duty, and who had the courage to support his convictions regardless of consequences.

During the 14 years I have known him I have never had any doubt that BILL NORRELL measured up to those standards in every respect. He was the kind of man who grows upon you, and my friendship for him was strengthened with the years of our acquaintance and association in the House. He was never a man to dodge an issue.

During the 22 years of his service in Congress many important issues have arisen to affect the security and well-being of our country. Our Nation is stronger today because of his presence here and his participation in the solution of the problems our Government has been called upon to face.

He leaves a record upon which his relatives, friends, colleagues, and constituents can look with pride and satisfaction.

He will be missed, indeed, as a wise, courageous, and able legislator. I shall miss him greatly as a warm personal friend.

I extend deepest sympathy to his wife, daughter, and other relatives.

Remarks by Representative Weaver

Of Nebraska

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, along with other Members of the House, I was deeply distressed at the news of the passing of our good friend and colleague, the Honorable W. F. NORRELL, of Arkansas. I learned to know him well during the period of time we served together on the House Committee on Appropriations and particularly on the Defense Subcommittee on Appropriations.

As a newcomer to the House 6 years ago, I was struck by his unfailing courtesy and willingness to share his knowledge with others. He showed that same courtesy and willingness to share this considerable knowledge during discussions on our national defense problems. BILL NORRELL possessed many fine qualities and was keenly admired and respected by the Members of this body on both sides of the aisle. He was a man of ability, who was sincere in all of his endeavors. BILL NORRELL had the courage of his convictions. His dedication was to the people of his State and Nation.

The House has lost one of its finest Members and the Nation one of its most valuable public servants.

Mrs. Weaver joins me in extending to Mrs. Norrell and the family our deepest sympathy and condolences on this sad occasion.

Remarks by Representative Horan

Of Washington

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in paying my sincere respects to the memory of BILL NORRELL.

He was my friend. I had the honor and the privilege of serving with him on the Appropriations Committee. He was diligent in his work on that committee and we will miss his counsel and sound thinking.

BILL NORRELL loved his country and placed its welfare above all other considerations. He loved his State and passed up no constructive action that would better it. He loved the people whom he so ably represented. BILL NORRELL was a God-fearing man and we cannot help but mourn the loss of so fine a man.

Mrs. Horan joins me in sending our sincere sympathies to his wife Catherine and their daughter Judy.

Remarks by Representative Gross

Of Iowa

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I am grieved by the death of my good friend, the Honorable W. F. NORRELL.

He was a man of high principle and dedicated purpose, who never swerved from what he was convinced was his duty.

A case in point was the recent vote in the House of Representatives on the packing of the Committee on Rules. Although strong efforts were made to enlist his vote in favor of that action, Mr. NORRELL never wavered in his opposition.

His death is a distinct loss to the district he has so ably represented; to the State of Arkansas, and the Nation. He will be greatly missed on the House floor in the days that lie ahead.

Mrs. Gross joins me in extending our utmost sympathy to Mrs. Norrell and their family in this time of sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Dorn

Of South Carolina

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, in my 12 years in the Congress, I have never known a more considerate, kindly gentleman than BILL NORRELL. He was humble, unassuming, and radiated an inner warmth of character and integrity.

BILL NORRELL was a Christian, practicing toward others the ideals and great principles of his religion.

The South and the Nation lost another of their distinguished sons. BILL NORRELL was forthright, courageous, and dedicated to constitutional government. He was a great leader in the cause of States' rights, local self-government, and individual freedom.

Like a true soldier, he dedicated his life to his country. He gave his life for our country. Those of us who served with BILL NORRELL will be better Congressmen through having known and associated with him.

Mrs. Dorn joins me in extending to Mrs. Norrell, his daughter, and sovereign constituents our most heartfelt sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, our gentle colleague, Representative W. F. NORRELL, died last night in Walter Reed Hospital. He had suffered a stroke on February 13 in his office.

NORRELL represented the Sixth District of Arkansas for 22 years. He had served 8 years in the Arkansas Legislature.

Congressman NORRELL was loved by everyone. He had a benevolent soul and sparkled with a generous attitude that personified Christian kindness of heart.

He served in important positions on the various committees of the House and enjoyed the profound respect and admiration everyone associated with him. In his seasoned statesmanship, as chairman at hearings on other activities, he was heeded and admired.

He suffered death's heavy hand of warning in the very room of his labors. God was good to him, to summon him at his happiest chores and tasks.

No one can deny that BILL NORRELL was one of the finest examples of a true public servant. We will cherish his every word and anecdote. His interest in living humans ingratiated everyone to his side of any question. We, the Congressmen from Illinois, are in great sadness at his demise, and extend to his lovely wife, Catherine, and sweet daughter, Judy, our sincere condolences.

The State of Arkansas, the Nation, and the Congress have lost a distinguished public servant whose colleagues, in great sadness, pray for his immortal soul, that God reward him for his great stewardship to his people.

Remarks by Representative Riley

Of South Carolina

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was privileged to meet BILL NORRELL shortly after I became a Member of Congress in January 1945. As time went on we became fast friends, and I learned to hold him in the highest esteem.

He was a good example for a freshman Congressman to emulate. He was devoted to his work, sound in his conclusions, and had the courage of his convictions.

Although for some years he was not in the best of health, he came to his office every day, attended to his correspondence, met all of his appointments, and was regular in attendance on the floor of the House. He ably and courageously carried out his assignments, and was beloved by all who knew him. Those of us who were permitted to serve with him from day to day will miss his companionship and his thoughtful approach to problems before the Congress.

His devotion to duty will be an inspiration to those of us who are carrying on in the Congress.

I want Mrs. Norrell and Miss Judy to know that they have my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of their husband and father.

The whole Nation, in my opinion, has suffered a great loss in the passing of this true statesman.

Remarks by Representative Belcher

Of Oklahoma

Mr. BELCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I mourn with the lovely widow and with the family of the late Congressman W. F. NORRELL. I also mourn with my neighboring State, his own great State of Arkansas. The people of this beautiful State have lost a man of great courage and conviction; a strong Democrat, a man who believed in fairness, who tried to do right, who fought for justice and hated intolerance.

Mr. Speaker, the remarks that have been so eloquently stated by those who have preceded me in eulogizing our beloved late colleague, the Honorable W. F. NORRELL, of Monticello, are indeed deserved tributes to a great American and I believe demonstrate, in part, at least, the extent to which he will be sorely missed by those of us who remain to carry on the responsibilities of Government affairs. I have been privileged to know and to serve with BILL NORRELL since the day I came to Congress. During this period I have valued his friendship and admired his professional ability as a legislator and as a leader. The rich memories that both Mrs. Belcher and I have for our friend, the late BILL NORRELL, and his lovely widow, will always be cherished by us.

Remarks by Representative Jones

Of Alabama

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened beyond measure when I learned of the untimely passing of our beloved colleague, Congressman W. F. NORRELL, of Arkansas.

The suddenness of his passing was a shock for many, because Congressman NORRELL always had about him a quality of stout, healthy, rural individualism. His name for many years was linked with his native Arkansas, for his contributions to its progress were indeed notable. He was a "joiner" in the best aspects of the word, having been a member of dozens of organizations and groups whose efforts cut a wide swath through work of the bench and bar, the State legislature and senate, in addition to many religious, charitable, and civic organizations. Congressman NORRELL truly loved people, and his monument is firm in the hearts of those for whom he worked and aided through many years.

He came to the Congress exceedingly well equipped to represent his State and his people and grew in wisdom and stature during his tenure here.

Congressman NORRELL will be missed by his State and its people and among his colleagues in Congress. His fine spirit will be remembered through the years.

Remarks by Representative Chenoweth

Of Colorado

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked and saddened when I learned of the passing of our colleague, BILL NORRELL.

I want to join in extending sympathy to our colleagues from Arkansas in this great loss which they have sustained.

It was a privilege to serve in this House with BILL NORRELL, and I greatly enjoyed my association with him. We enjoyed many visits and I greatly valued his friendship.

The passing of BILL NORRELL is not only an irreparable loss to this House, and to the State of Arkansas, but to the entire Nation. He was an outstanding public servant, and gave his best in the service of his country. His memory will remain with us as an inspiration and a challenge.

Mrs. Chenoweth joins in extending our deep personal sympathy to Mrs. Norrell and the other members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Smith

Of Mississippi

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I want to join in the many expressions of deep regret on the passing of W. F. NORRELL. He represented a district in eastern Arkansas adjacent to much of my district in northwestern Mississippi. We worked on many common problems. I will always remember the kindnesses and courtesies he showed me when I came here as a new Member. In keeping with his true spirit, he was always cooperative and friendly, but never interfering.

BILL NORRELL was an outstanding Member of the House, both in service to his district and service to the Nation. We have lost an outstanding Member whom we all loved.

My wife joins me in deepest sympathy to Mrs. Norrell and their lovely daughter, Judy.

Remarks by Representative Alford

Of Arkansas

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I have just come from one of the saddest occasions of my life—the burial of my great and good friend and our gallant colleague, the Honorable W. F. NORRELL. My heart is heavy as the realization finally dawns that no more shall we see him in this Hall; no more shall we have the untold benefit of his wise and quiet counsel; no more shall we have him as a stanch pillar on which to lean in times of need.

Yes; I have lost a great and good friend, and my State and Nation have lost a truly outstanding statesman.

It was characteristic of Mr. NORRELL, through the more than 25 years I had known him, to be on the side of the little man. He gave untiringly of himself to this end, and his untimely passing will stand as an everlasting monument to the service and devotion he gave to his friends and constituents.

It seems as though only days ago that I first walked upon this floor, about to become a Member of the 86th Congress. As many of you will recall, after all other Members had taken the oath, I was summoned to the well by our Speaker. As I started out alone, Mr. NORRELL fell into step beside me and stood stanchly behind me as I was administered the oath. A photograph of this ceremony is one of the most prized mementos of my service in this House, and occupies a treasured spot on my office wall.

Yes; the House will sorely miss this champion of honesty and fairplay whose greatest characteristic was his unyielding dedication to his high principles.

I join with all of my colleagues in extending the deepest, prayerful sympathy to the family of this departed leader of men.

His task in this life has been very well done.

Remarks by Representative Jonas

Of North Carolina

Mr. JONAS. Mr. Speaker, the passing of an active colleague is always shocking but the untimely death of BILL NORRELL came as more than the usual shock to me because of our close association in the Committee on Appropriations and elsewhere. As we all know, Members are not assigned to specific tables in the House restaurant but habits are easily formed and for many years now BILL NORRELL and I have lunched together at the same table. We usually spent a pleasant half hour over luncheon and in conversation about matters of mutual interest. These conversations did not often include a discussion of legislative problems but items of personal interest outside the field of legislation.

During these half hours over a period of years, I came to esteem BILL NORRELL as an individual just as I had learned to respect him over the years as an effective and industrious member of the Committee on Appropriations. His untimely death last evening, following a stroke during the afternoon, came as more than an ordinary shock to me because I had spent one of those pleasant half hours at lunch with him on the day he was stricken.

BILL NORRELL was always a quiet and unassuming person but, as I look back now to our midday conversation at lunch, I recall that he seemed to be preoccupied and was not as communicative as usual. We exchanged words of greeting and commented briefly on incidental and unimportant things, and then he paid his check and departed. Early in the evening when I heard the report that he had been stricken in his office that afternoon, I immediately recalled our conversation at the table that noon and that he seemed not as cheerful as usual but could not say that he gave any appearance of being unwell or in distress.

WILLIAM FRANK NORRELL

My impression of BILL NORRELL is that he was a kind and gentle individual. I feel sure that he never had an enemy. Never during our associations, which as I have previously stated were quite intimate and extended over a number of years, did I hear him give voice to an angry expression or utter an unkind word about anyone. He did, however, have strong convictions and always had the courage to express them by voice and vote. Our country can ill afford to lose statesmen of his stature. Not only has our country lost such a statesman but the people of his district in Arkansas have lost a good and faithful servant, his wife and daughter a devoted husband and father, and I a personal friend. I join his many other friends in this body in extending profound sympathy to his loved ones.

Remarks by Representative Evins

Of Tennessee

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, by your appointment I served as a member of the funeral committee to attend the services of our late colleague and friend, Congressman W. F. NORRELL, of Arkansas.

Along with the Senators and the members of the Arkansas delegation, Congressman Kirwan, of Ohio; Congressman Fenton, of Pennsylvania; Congressman Jones, of Missouri; members of the Committee on Appropriations who served with Congressman NORRELL, we flew to Arkansas to attend the last services in his memory. The large host of friends and beautiful flowers attested to the warm and sincere regard in which he was held by his neighbors, constituents, homefolks, and many friends.

The beautiful tributes paid to the life and public service of BILL NORRELL by the minister of his home church, the First Baptist Church, of Monticello, Ark., was certainly appropriate and befitting the life, character, and public service of our colleague. I merely wish to convey an expression of my own sympathy to Mrs. Norrell, her daughter, and the members of their family.

Remarks by Representative Rabaut

Of Michigan

Mr. RABAUT. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of our gentle colleague, Representative W. F. NORRELL, on February 15, came to me as a great shock. BILL NORRELL and I served together on the House Appropriations Committee for many years. During that time, I learned to know him not only as a friend, but as a good Christian and a man of conscience.

This country can little afford to lose a man so dedicated to the public interest as Congressman NORRELL. The years of our association has brought home to me the thought that of my many congressional associates, he was the man to be respected because of his wisdom, admired because of his strength, and loved because of his devotion to God and America.

To his family goes my heartfelt sympathy; to the Nation he so notably served, my prayers.

Remarks by Representative Fisher

Of Texas

Mr. FISHER. Mr. Speaker, one of the most respected Members of this body has been called to his reward. BILL NORRELL was a man of principle who could always be counted upon to act with courage and wisdom. He disdained the petty things, and always voted and acted in terms of what was best for the country. The country needs more men of that caliber today.

This great American will be missed. His wise counsel and his sober judgment will no longer be available. But his principles and his philosophy will be remembered, and they will continue for a long time to inspire many of us.

I join with BILL NORRELL'S many friends in extending to the family my deepest sympathy.

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THURSDAY, *February 16, 1961.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bartlett, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. W. F. NORRELL, late a Representative from the State of Arkansas, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Burdick in the chair). The Chair lays before the Senate House Resolution 168, which will be read.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable W. F. NORRELL, a Representative from the State of Arkansas.

Resolved, That a committee of nine Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, on behalf of the Senators from Arkansas [Mr. McClellan and Mr. Fulbright], I submit a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 89) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. W. F. NORRELL, late a Representative from the State of Arkansas.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the Senators from Arkansas [Mr. McClellan and Mr. Fulbright] the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative W. F. NORRELL, I move that the Senate now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned, under the order previously entered, to Monday, February 20, 1961, at 12 o'clock meridian.

Remarks by Senator McClellan

Of Arkansas

Mr. McCLELLAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed a resolution adopted by the Ouachita River Valley Association on the 16th of February 1961. This resolution extends condolences on the occasion of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM F. NORRELL, Representative from the Sixth District of Arkansas, and expresses the great loss sustained by the State of Arkansas and the Nation by reason of his passing.

Whereas the Honorable W. F. NORRELL, during his many years as U.S. Congressman for the Sixth District of Arkansas, has worked tirelessly in behalf of the interests and goals of the Ouachita River Valley Association; and

Whereas his sudden and untimely death results in a grievous loss to this association and to the people of the State of Arkansas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Ouachita River Valley Association, in meeting assembled, do hereby express their regrets at this grievous loss and extend their sympathy to Mrs. Norrell and daughter; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and the secretary is hereby instructed to transmit a copy hereof to Mrs. Norrell and to Senator John L. McClellan for the purpose of placing the same in the Congressional Record.

H. K. THATCHER,
Executive Vice President.

Remarks by Senator Fulbright

Of Arkansas

Mr. FULBRIGHT. Mr. President, all of us were saddened by the untimely death of Representative NORRELL, of Arkansas. A great loss has been suffered in his passing. The Sixth District of Arkansas, the State of Arkansas, and the Nation have benefited from his outstanding and distinguished career. The imprint of his works in the public service will be a lasting memorial.

BILL NORRELL was elected to the Arkansas State Senate in 1931 and was reelected in 1935. He served as president of the senate from 1933 to 1937, during which time he served on several occasions as Acting Governor. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1938 and served for many years as a member of the Committee on Appropriations. At the time of his death he was a ranking member of that committee. He served as chairman of the Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee and as a member of various subcommittees, including the important Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations.

All of those who knew BILL NORRELL admired and respected him for his integrity, his ability, and his sincerity. He was a man of his word. He was kind, gracious, and humble.

I treasured and will always remember the friendship of BILL NORRELL.

An unknown author has portrayed his life:

Beautiful life is that whose span is spent in duty to God and man;
Beautiful calm when the course is run,
Beautiful twilight at the set of sun,
Beautiful death with a life well done.

Mrs. Fulbright and I extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Catherine Norrell and Judy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Senator Keating

Of New York

Mr. KEATING. Mr. President, it is with deep personal feeling that I express grief over the passing of Representative NORRELL, and I am certain I speak on behalf of all Senators on the Republican side of the aisle.

I served with Representative NORRELL during all the time I was a Member of the House of Representatives. I know of no Member who was more respected or admired than was he. He was always a courteous, gentle, and thoughtful Member, to whom one could go with his problems and get a respectful, thoughtful hearing.

He was not a shouter. He was a very quiet man and a very deep student of the problems allotted to him. He rarely spoke on the floor, except with regard to the matters which came under his competence in his work on the important Appropriations Committee. When he did speak, it was with knowledge and real insight into the problem he was considering.

His loss will be a severe one to his State and to the body in which he served.

On behalf of myself and all Senators on this side of the aisle who could not be here today, I desire to extend to his wife and to his family our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Senator Dodd

Of Connecticut

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I wish to join my colleague, the Senator from New York [Mr. Keating], in his expression of sympathy and regret at the death of Representative NORRELL, of Arkansas.

I, too, was privileged to serve with him in the House of Representatives. Everything the Senator from New York has said about him is so true, as is known by all who knew him, and is particularly well known by those who served with him in the other body.

Above all else, he was a very kind man. He was a real gentleman, in the true sense of that word. He was always considerate of others. He was always just in his decisions, and he always spoke kindly.

He has left a mark that will not be forgotten by those who survive him.

On behalf of all Senators on this side of the aisle who are not able to be present at this time, I express our sympathy to the Norrell family at the death of this very remarkable man, a great American.

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